

A monk with a shaved head, wearing a dark brown robe, sits on a grassy hillside in the foreground, looking out over a valley. The valley is filled with a dense cluster of small, light-colored stone buildings, likely a village or monastery. The buildings are built on a slope, and a dirt road winds through the valley. In the background, rolling hills are visible under a clear sky. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

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Ephesians 2:8-10 [ESV]

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For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



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Luke 7:11-17 [MSG]

11-15 Not long after that, Jesus went to the village Nain. His disciples were with him, along with quite a large crowd.

As they approached the village gate, they met a funeral procession— a woman's only son was being carried out for burial. And the mother was a widow.



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Luke 7:11-17 [MSG]

When the LORD saw her, his heart broke. He said to her, “Don’t cry.”

Then he went over and touched the coffin. The pallbearers stopped. He said, “Young man, I tell you: Get up.”

The dead son sat up and began talking. Jesus presented him to his mother.



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Luke 7:11-17 [MSG]

16-17 They all realized they were in a place of holy mystery, that God was at work among them.

They were quietly worshipful—and then noisily grateful, calling out among themselves, “God is back, looking to the needs of his people!”

The news of Jesus spread all through the country.



a MIRROR to our world

How CAN I RELATE TO THIS TEXT?

- A world filled with loss, a sense of despondency and abandonment
 - Loss of love
 - Loss of hope
 - Injustice



a WINDOW to God's Reign

WHAT DOES IT SHOW OF THE KINGDOM?

- Two crowds – awareness of death, awareness of life in Jesus
- The bridge between heaven and earth: Jesus' compassion
- 2nd resurrection: Elisha (*2 Kings 4:9-10*)
 - No need to go call the prophet
 - No fear of becoming “unclean”
- The disciples followed Jesus



a DOOR into God's Kingdom

WHAT IS THE INVITATION IN TEXT?

- In which crowd do you find yourself?
- Loss: "See the One who sees you"
- Life: "Be moved by His compassion"



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